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I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN WHAT THESE FUN TIMES WITH FRIENDS WERE LIKE. WHAT WILL WE TALK ABOUT TODAY?

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THE CONNOISSEUR'S PHILOSOPHY (PART 1)

YEAH... THOUGH IT WASN'T EXACTLY PRETTY.

OH?

YA FINALLY HASHED THINGS OUT WITH YOUR OLD BF, HUH?

YEAH.

IT'D ONLY BE HARDER IF YOU LET IT KEEP DRAGGIN' OUT.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, RIGHT?

SO...

WHAT?!

WH- WHAT ARE YOU...

HOW'RE THINGS GOIN' WITH HOLMES-SAN?

WELL...

SOME HOT GUY SAVES YOU WHEN YOU'RE IN A PINCH...

YOU GOTTA BE FALLIN' FOR HIM, RIGHT?

EVEN MY BIG SIS IS HEAD OVER HEELS FOR HOLMES-SAN NOW.

I GUESS I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE.

BUT I WAS PRETTY EMOTIONAL THAT NIGHT.

IT WAS KIND OF EXCITING,

I MEAN, HE'S SUPER HOT, BUT...

LEMME THINK...

ME?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HOLMES-SAN, KAORI?

I'm glad.

Ah, but that don't mean I think he's a bad guy or nothin'.

That's true...

I CAN'T GET A READ ON HIM AT ALL!

THE GUY SEES THROUGH EVERYTHIN'! IT GIVES ME THE WILLIES!

I COULDN'T DO IT!

WELL, ACTUALLY...

SO, WAS IT AN UNEVENTFUL SUMMER BREAK?

YOU WERE WORKIN' TOGETHER THE WHOLE TIME, RIGHT?

FOR SUMMER BREAK?

BY THE WAY, AOI-SAN,

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS FOR SUMMER BREAK?

THE TRUTH IS, THE OWNER AND I WERE PLANNING...

...TO SPEND A MONTH TRAVELING AROUND EUROPE, BUYING AND APPRAISING.

OH.

UM...

NOTHING IN PARTICULAR, BUT...

IS HE GOING TO INVITE ME OUT?

THAT'S GREAT NEWS.

I WAS HOPING YOU MIGHT HELP MY FATHER WATCH THE STORE WHILE WE'RE GONE.

SO YOU SPENT THE WHOLE SUMMER...

...WATCHIN' THE STORE WITH THE MANAGER?!

Talk about boring!

YEAH...

THEY APPARENTLY HAD A TON OF WORK TO DO.

HOLMES-SAN SPENT THE WHOLE TIME GOING AROUND WITH HIM, VISITING CLIENTS AND SUCH.

BUT WOW, A WHOLE MONTH IN EUROPE...

THAT'S YAGASHIRA SEIJI-SAN FOR YA.

THE MANAGER AND I GET along REALLY WELL, SO THAT WASN'T A PROBLEM.

I WAS JUST EMBARRASS-ED TO GET MY HOPES UP...

YEAH, I BET.

HOLMES-SAN'S GONNA BE HIS HEIR, AFTER ALL.

THERE. THAT LOOKS NICE.

BUT, MAN, BEIN' YAGASHIRA SEIJI'S HEIR MUST BE TOUGH.

YEAH.

ACTUALLY, SPEAKING OF THE OWNER...

WHY? WHAT'S UP?

ARE YOU FREE SATURDAY, KAORI?

77th by the traditional count, 76th by Western standards

OH, A BIRTHDAY PARTY?

THE OWNER IS HAVING A PARTY.

IT'S HIS 77TH BIRTHDAY.

SERIOUS

HUH?

I'M SO THERE.

I'll probably be running around all day with preparations and such.

I WAS INVITED, BUT I'D BE LONELY GOING BY MYSELF.

SO HOLMES-SAN ASKED ME TO INVITE YOU, TOO.

IT'S GOING TO BE A HUGE CELEBRATION,

R-REALLY?

I ASSUMED YOU'D SAY YOU WEREN'T INTEREST-ED...

WHO'RE YOU KIDDIN', AOI?

VWIP

THERE MIGHT EVEN BE CELEBRITIES THERE!

C-CELEB-RITIES?

AN' I JUST HAFTA SEE THAT HOUSE!

I GOTTA KNOW WHO ALL'S ON THAT GUEST LIST!

THIS'S A PARTY FOR YAGASHIRA SEIJI, RIGHT?

Didn't take her for a trend-chaser...

I KNOW THE OWNER IS AN AMAZING APPRAISER,

BUT I DOUBT HE KNOWS ANY CELEBRITIES.

Y'KNOW HE APPEARED ON THAT SHOW AS AN APPRAISER, RIGHT?

HE'S THAT YAGA-SHIRA SEIJI.

...

THAT WAS THAT TV SHOW ABOUT APPRAISING FAMILY HEIRLOOMS, RIGHT?

YEAH, FROM *HEIRLOOM HUNTERS*.

CO-STARS?

SURELY HE'LL INVITE HIS OLD COSTARS.

SERI-OUSLY?

DAD ON TV?

WHY YES, HE WAS.

DAD EARNED A LOT OF FEMALE FANS BACK THEN.

HE WAS ALWAYS VERY PROPER AND GENTLEMANLY ON AIR.

THE OWNER WAS?!

YOU DIDN'T KNOW, AOI-SAN?

WELL, NOBODY TOLD ME...

I'M SORRY.

IT WAS A SHOW FOR OLDER FOLKS, MOSTLY.

IT'S NATURAL THAT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT.

BUT HE DOESN'T APPEAR ON TV ANY-MORE?

HE STILL SEEMS TO GET OFFERS, BUT HE TURNS THEM ALL DOWN.

IT'S... COMPLICA-TED.

I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH USE I'LL ACTUALLY BE...

BUT I'M HAPPY TO DO WHAT I CAN!

ANYWAY, I'M SORRY TO TAKE UP SO MUCH OF YOUR WEEKEND,

ASKING YOU TO HELP OUT THIS SATURDAY AND ALL...

IT'S OKAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'M SURE THAT EVERYONE'S HELP WILL MAKE IT A VERY SPECIAL DAY.

Just thinking about it makes my stomach hurt...

OF COURSE, I'M TERRIBLE WITH CROWDS,

SO I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT THAT PART...

That Saturday ...

I was supposed to meet Holmes-san at the entrance to the Philosopher's Path near the Silver Pavilion.

The owner's house was apparently a short walk from there.

HUFF はあっ

HUFF はあっ

Holmes-san spends time at both places.

PHILOSOPHER'S PATH 哲学の道

Incidentally, the manager's house is in Yasaka.

GOING UPHILL IS SO HARD!

HUFF はあっ

HUFF はあっ

TH-THANK YOU...

GULP

GULP

GOOD MORNING, AOI-SAN.

HEY, YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME THAT BEFORE!

TRUE.

KITA-OJI DORI

SHIRAKAWA DORI

IMADEGAWA

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EASIER TO TAKE KITA-OJI DORI TO SHIRAKAWA DORI AND GO DOWN FROM THERE.

IMADEGAWA IS A DIFFICULT INCLINE TO RIDE ON A BICYCLE.

ABOUT THAT...

I CAME HERE TO HELP YOU, YOU KNOW...

I'm sweating...

SO, IF YOU'D LIKE,

I COULD SHOW YOU AROUND THE SILVER PAVILION INSTEAD.

S-SURE!

WHAT?!

SETUP HAS BEEN GOING FASTER THAN EXPECTED, SO WE'RE ALMOST FINISHED.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, AOI-SAN?

ONCE ON A FIELD TRIP IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

I THINK OF THE SILVER PAVILION AS MORE THE SILVER OF AUSTERITY.

BUT WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT IT ISN'T REALLY SILVER,

MANY PEOPLE SHARE THAT IMPRESSION.

THE MAIN THING I REMEMBER IS THAT IT WASN'T REALLY SILVER...

ALTHOUGH, MAYBE BECAUSE IT WAS RIGHT AFTER WE SAW THE GOLDEN PAVILION,

HOW INTERESTING!

MY CALM, PEACEFUL FATHER IS THE SILVER PAVILION.

WHERE MY FLASHY, EXTROVERTED GRANDFATHER IS THE GOLDEN PAVILION.

SILVER PAVILION ENTRY TICKET

HISTORIC SITE JISHO-JI TEMPLE

THE MAN WHO BUILT THE SILVER PAVILION WAS THE EIGHTH SHOGUN OF THE MUROMACHI SHOGUNATE, ASHIKAGA YOSHIMASA.

HE USED THE GOLDEN PAVILION BUILT BY HIS GRANDFATHER, ASHIKAGA YOSHIMITSU,

AS A TEMPLATE TO BUILD THIS HIGASHIYAMA VILLA.

SO, WHY IS IT CALLED THE SILVER PAVILION IF IT ISN'T SILVER?

THE SILVER PAVILION IS ACTUALLY JUST A NICKNAME.

THE TEMPLE'S OFFICIAL NAME IS JISHO-JI.

BUT AT ANY RATE, AFTER THE PAVILION BECAME KNOWN AS THE SILVER PAVILION,

THE ENTIRETY OF THE TEMPLE GROUNDS CAME TO BE REFERRED TO THE SAME WAY.

THERE ARE THEORIES THAT HE ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO HAVE IT COVERED IN SILVER FOIL.

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It's almost like...

It's quiet and gentle. It has a peaceful, elegant exterior.

It's not showy at all.

Holmes?
Manager?
BLUUUSH
あああ
HOLMES-SAN,
IT REALLY IS LIKE THE MAN-AGER!
IT'S THE SILVER OF AUSTERITY, ISN'T IT?
CHUCKLE
SO, IF YOU WERE A TEMPLE, WHICH ONE WOULD IT BE, HOLMES-SAN?
LET US PROCEED.
THE VIEW FROM ABOVE IS EXCELLENT.
ME?

KIYOMIZU-DERA IS NICE.

...

BUT MY FAVORITE TEMPLE IS KIYOMIZU-DERA.

IT EVEN SHARES THE "KIYO" IN MY NAME.

LET'S SEE... IT FEELS A BIT PRESUMPTUOUS TO COMPARE MYSELF TO IT...

AW, REALLY?

SO STOP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT.

BUT JUST BECAUSE I LIKE IT DOESN'T MEAN I THINK IT'S "ME," ALL RIGHT?

WOW!

THE SCENERY OF KYOTO FROM HIGASHIYAMA IS IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?

IT IS!

I'VE COME TO LOVE THE SILVER PAVILION!

HOLMES-SAN.

I'M GLAD I CAME.

I'M GLAD.

YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.

THE SILVER PAVILION IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TEMPLES,

THOUGH I FEEL ITS NICKNAME TENDS TO DETRACT FROM ITS REPUTATION.

As usual, he's always thinking about Kyoto...

...THAN TO SEE YOU COME TO LOVE IT, AOI-SAN.

BUT NOTHING COULD MAKE ME HAPPIER AS A KYOTOITE...

11:05

R-RIGHT!

WELL, WE SHOULD PROBABLY HEAD FOR GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE.

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

AH, YES. HE WAS QUITE FREQUENTLY UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO.

BY THE WAY, I HEARD THE OWNER USED TO BE ON TV.

DO YOU KNOW OF A MAGICIAN NAMED DON KAGEYAMA?

OH, OF COURSE.

He's famous as a magician, and more recently, as a sharp-tongued TV commentator.

He's also a passionate philanthropist, so he's held in rather high regard.

TWO YEARS AGO ON THE AUTUMN SPECIAL OF *HEIRLOOM HUNTERS*, DON KAGEYAMA APPEARED AS A GUEST.

HE BROUGHT IN A FAMILY HEIRLOOM, A JOSEON DYNASTY BLUE-AND-WHITE VASE.

A PIECE LIKE THAT WOULD BE EXCEPTIONALLY VALUABLE.

IT WOULD ALSO MAKE A GREAT SHOWPIECE FOR TV.

THE PRODUCER BEGGED HIM, FOR THE SAKE OF THE SHOW, TO SAY IT WAS REAL ON AIR,

BUT MY GRANDFATHER REFUSED TO PLAY ALONG.

WHAT?!

BUT DURING A PRE-SHOW CHECK, MY GRANDFATHER IDENTIFIED IT AS A FORGERY.

"THIS IS A FAKE!"

THEY WERE FORCED TO START THE FILMING RE-GARDLESS, AND...

THE GENERAL ATTITUDE IS THAT MY GRAND-FATHER WAS TO BLAME.

AND MY GRANDFATHER, ANGRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, ENDED UP LEAVING THE TELEVISION WORLD.

HAVING HIS HEIRLOOM DECRIED AS A FAKE IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE ENRAGED DON KAGEYAMA.

HE STARTED SHOUTING AT MY GRANDFATHER, SAYING THAT HE MUST BE BLIND. THEY HAD TO STOP RECORDING.

BUT BEING ASKED TO LIE, GETTING CALLED BLIND...

IT SOUNDS LIKE HE HAD A RIGHT TO BE MAD.

YES, I AGREE.

いつみ WOW...

THAT SOUNDS LIKE... A REAL MESS.

THE EPISODE NEVER AIRED,

SO THE INCIDENT STAYED RELATIVELY QUIET.

Though it did cause quite a fuss behind the scenes.

BUT TO THE PRODUCERS, THE SHOW IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

AND FOR KAGEYAMA-SAN WHO WAS TOLD A PRECIOUS FAMILY HEIRLOOM WAS FAKE...

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT HIS FIRST REACTION WOULD BE TO DOUBT THE APPRAISER.

THAT'S TERRIBLE...

THE OWNER WAS JUST DOING HIS JOB.

I KNOW.

BUT AFTER THAT KIND OF FALLOUT,

I DOUBT ANY CELEBRITIES WILL BE COMING...

WELL, AS FAR AS CELEBRITIES ARE CONCERNED, AT LEAST AKIHITO-SAN WILL BE THERE.

OH, THAT'S TRUE!

THAT WILL MAKE KAORI HAPPY, I'M SURE...

IS HAVING HOLMES READ HER MIND PART OF AOI'S EVERYDAY LIFE NOW?!

HEY, WAIT! STOP READING MY MIND!

HAHA!

FORGIVE ME.

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